संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायशव): (क) 30.6.1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार, एमटीएनएल, दिल्ली में कुल मिलाकर 8984 पीसीओ/एसटीडी/आईएसडी बूथ काम कर रहे हैं। कुछ ऐसे एसटीडी /स आईएसटीडी बूथों दरुपयोग किए जाने के कारण काट दिया गया है, बाकी सभी बूथ काम कर रहे हैं।

(ख) जी नहीं । पीसीओ आपरेटरों का कोई ऐसा मामला ध्यान में नहीं आया है जिसमें उपभोक्तओं को करोड़ों रुपये का घाटा पहुंचाया गया हो। तथापि पीसीओ बूथ आपरेटरों द्वारा अधिक वसूली किए जाने संबंधी कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं,

(ग) पीसीओ बूथ आपरेटरों द्वारा अधिक वसूली किए जाने संबंधी शिकायतें मिलने पर फील्ड स्टाफ/सतर्कता टीम द्वारा इसकी जांच की जाती है, यदि बूथ आपरेटरों को विभाग द्वारा निर्धारित दरों से अधिक वसूली करते पाया जाता है तो विभागीय नियमों के तहत तथा प्रस्तावित कार्यवाही की जाती है।

उत्तर प्रदेश के भदोही जिले के मई बाजार में एस.टी.डी. सुविधा

2949. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे**: क्या संचार यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के भदोही जिले के मई बाजार स्थित टेलीफोन एकस्चेंज में एस.टी.डी. सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई गई है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके कोड सहित क्षमता का ब्यौरा क्या है , और

(क) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा इस एक्सचेंज को कब तक एस.टी.डी. सुविधा उपलब्ध करा दी जाएगी?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) मई बाजार, जो पहले भदोही जिले में था अब जौनपुर जिले में अंतर्गत आता है जहां कोई टेलीफोन एकस्चेंज नहीं है। यह रामपुर टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के स्थानीय क्षेत्र के अन्दर आता है। इस समय रामपुर टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज में एस टी डी सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ख) उक्त भाग (क) को देखते हुए लागू नहीं होता।

(ग) रामपुर औऱ भदोही के बीच विभसनीय संचारण माध्यम उपलब्ध न होने की वजह से रामपुर एक्सचेंज के जरिए मई बाजार में एस टी डी सुविधा प्रदान नहीं की जा सकी। वर्ष 1998-99 के दौरान इसके प्रदान किए जाने की संभावना है बश्रते कि संसाधन उपलब्ध हों। इसके शीघ्र बाद ही रामपुर टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के माध्यम से मई बाजार में एस टी डी सुविधा प्रदान करनी संभव होगी।

Telephone connections in Delhi

2950. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that applicants who applied in April, 1997 are still waiting for telephone connections in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that telephone instruments were installed to more than 70 consumers who applied in 1997, in Sector-Il, Rohini, New Delhi by the end of March, 1998;

(d) if so, why the telephone numbers have not been given to them even after a lapse of 40 days;

(e) whether indifferent attitude of Senior Officers are responsible for the delay; and

(0 by when, the MTNL is planning to give telephone connections to these consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, During April 1997, 11282 applicants applied for new telephone connections; out of which 10706 applicants have been provided telephone connections.

Remaining 576 applicants could not be provided telephone connections in some pockets/areas; being technically not feasible (TNF) due to non-availability of underground cable pairs. These applicants are likely to be provided

telephone connections progressively by 31.08.1998.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, The physical work of telephone installation in Sector II Rohini, New Delhi area was done in anticipation of the availability of Power-Gain System which was to be spared from Sector 6 Exchange area after the completion of underground cable construction work and associated area transfer; which was delayed due to reasons beyond control. The area-transfer work was completed on 02-05-1998 and all these telephones have been provided by second week of June, 1998 utilising the spared pair-gain-system.

(e) No, Sir. Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.

(f) Telephone connections have already been provided in second week of June, 1998 to these applicants.

Telephone Connections under MPs Quota

2951. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons to whom telephone connections were sanctioned in Gurgaon (Haryana) on Out of Turn priority basis under MPs quota from January, 1998 till date;

(b) whether all the beneficiaries have been provided telephone connections within the stipulated time period, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) action proposed to be taken against officials concerned for the delay; and

(d) by when all the beneficiaries will be provided with fully operational telephone connections under MPs quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDARA PURKAYASTHA): (a) thirty persons were sanctioned Out of Turn telephone connections out of MPs quota as per Annexure attached from January, 1998 till date. [See Appendix *184* Annexure No. *81]*

(b) No Sir. Twenty five out of thirty telephone connections have been provided so far. Detailed reasons for non-installation of five telephones are given in Annesure. *[See* Appendix *184* Annexure No. *84]*

(c) Not applicable in view of reasons given in Annexure.

(d) There is only one case where area is technically non-feasible. The telephone is likely to be provided during next expansion by 31-3-1999 subject to availability of stores.

Restructuring of Department of Tele-Communications

2952. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to undertake restructuring of the Department of Telecommunications and corporatize this; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDARA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) The question of restructuring of the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) in regard, mainly, to distancing the policy-making and licensing functions from operational functions is being examined, keeping in view, inter alia, the need to enhance functional efficiency so as to effectively meet the emerging competition. With the setting up also of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) last year, the distancing of the policy-making and licensing functions from those of operations is being regarded as a logical step.

It may be recalled that a Committee headed by Dr. Athreya, a noted management expert, was set up some